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how can a family support a patient with bipolar when the doctors shut them out I understand in therapy the doctor and patient have a special confidential bond that must develop yet in crisis the family is ignored. No one wants to get to the point where a doctor utters the words, "I sorry we did the best we could"

And so much for the HIPPA law we want to be there for our loved on before its too late and a tradgedy occurs. After spending hundreds of thousands of dollars our patient is still at the point of no return somedays are good some very bad even though he is compliant with medication and all the trial and errors and therapy given by a well know psychiatrist.

The only information we seek is progress reports and how to cope. Unfortunately other than one courtesy call to explain the patient was very ill the data to date has come from reading and contacting  
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